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# WHEN OUTSOURCING TAKES YOUR JOB, THEN IT WILL MATTER

(By Leo Hindery, Jr.)

A recession is when someone else loses his or her job; a depression is when you lose your job. I was reminded of this adage when a recent report by three Bay Area groups said we shouldn't worry about outsourcing of good jobs to other countries. Those losing their jobs would beg to differ.

Throwing in the towel, one of the report's sponsors asid, "Offshoring is here to stay." That's particularly troubling when a UC-Berkeley analysis found that one-in-six jobs are at risk of being exported from Silicon Valley.

But voters aren't buying the lines coming from think tanks and Washington. First, they were told that he few jobs lost would be quickly replaced. They weren't. Then President Bush's economic adviser said outsourcing jobs was actually good in the long run. Displaced workers know better. And now, it seems, the new line is that nothing should be done. Voters don't buy inaction, either.

Offshoring of jobs is not inevitable. There's much government can do, and it should act before more good jobs disappear and the middle class shrinks even more.

First, we must ensure that free trade is also fair trade. How can we keep manufacturing jobs in America when foreign competitors often employ children, pay pennies, provide little or no benefits and ignore environmental standards? Likewise, how can we keep high-quality customer and technical-service jobs here when employees in Bangalore, India, earn \$200 to \$300 a month for jobs that pay Americans \$2,000-\$3,000?

America has a responsibility to the rest of the world, especially developing countries, to foster responsible free trade. But we can no longer condone—or support—practices that pay subsistence wages, violate child labor standards and degrade the environment.

Second, we must responsibly use our nation's corporate tax laws to provide incentives for American businesses to keep high-quality jobs here. Today, corporations take advantage of tax benefits by shipping operations overseas, shielding profits earned there. Sen. John Kerry has rightly proposed eliminating that loophole, which is a glaring incentive to move operations overseas and keep them abroad by reinvesting profits there.

We should also adopt a levy on corporations that use loopholes to escape taxation. That would help redress the imbalance between job retention and untaxed overseas profits, and aid workers who lose jobs in part because of skewed tax policies.

Part of the bargain that was supposed to accompany "free trade" was help for workers who lose their livelihood through no fault of their own. Workers need retraining for new careers when industries disappear. They need unemployment benefits and medical benefits.

Action on outsourcing would be far less urgent if enough jobs were being created here at home. But today's lukewarm economic recovery provides no place for laid-off workers to go.

None of this is "protectionism," except that it will protect foreign workers and nations from exploitation, the U.S. tax code from encouraging companies to offshore jobs, and American workers from the unchecked whims of globalization.

Corporate leaders need to work smarter. Having served as a CEO, I know the pressures to outsource can be intense. But business executives must look beyond the short-term,

cost-cutting gains that outsourcing sometimes provides and focus instead on the long-term costs and devastation to employees and our national economy.

And political candidates will have to show they understand the voters' call for action. Because this election should be about getting the economy moving and about who will best protect the middle class and those striving to join it.

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## BUSH'S ECONOMY IS FOR THE ELITE FEW

(By Leo Hindery)

Within an hour of John Kerry's selection of John Edwards as his running mate, the US Chamber of Commerce said it was forced to abandon its position of "neutrality" because Mr Edwards was "hostile to business" I could almost hear the laughter in corporate boardrooms across the country. To argue that the Chamber intended to be, or has ever been, politically "neutral" reminds me of the film *Casablanca* when Claude Rains expresses shock that gambling was taking place in Rick's Cafe.

The line revealed the dirty little secret of the US Chamber of Commerce. It is run by the wealthy chief executives of the nation's biggest companies.

It is easy to see why enormously rich businessmen believe more personal income and lower taxes are good for them. But what is good for an individual chief executive's wallet does not translate into being "good for business" or for the nation's economy.

What businesses and the economy need are full employment, or as full as possible, and strong consumer demand, generated by a combination of consumer confidence and fair compensation. The Bush-Cheney ticket is failing that test. They adopt "anything-goes-for-big-business" policies, continue to push for ever-lower tax rates for the wealthiest Americans, defend self-serving executive compensation packages and condone benign regulation of corrupt practices.

The latest sign of how what is really good for ordinary citizens and the economy is being flipped on its head is George W. Bush's spin on sluggish job-growth numbers. Now, he contends, that bad is good. In response to the far lower than expected employment numbers for June, he said: "Steady growth. That's important. We don't need boom-or-bust-type growth."

But when the number of new jobs created this year fails to keep up with the growth in the adult population—a trend confirmed by last Friday's job numbers for July—a little more boom and a little less steady stagnation would certainly be helpful.

Certainly the unemployed and businesses that need to sell products and services to people with incomes are getting weary of the disappointing growth. For the first time in more than seven decades, there are fewer jobs at this point in an election year than there were when the current president was inaugurated. A net 2.6m manufacturing jobs have been lost since 2001.

And anyone whose job has been outsourced to other countries should appreciate Mr. Kerry's call to end tax loopholes and benefits that provide an incentive for shipping jobs overseas and keeping the profits there.

Compounding the problem, far too many of the jobs being created are low-wage positions with few benefits. Overall, wages for non-supervisory workers have failed to keep up with inflation over the past year.

But jobs and wages are not all that matters. Instead of Mr. Bush's big tax cuts for the top 2 percent of Americans, the Kerry-Edwards ticket would reform healthcare. That would make health insurance more available and affordable for millions of

Americans and cheaper for businesses. The other 98 percent of Americans and the businesses whose healthcare costs would be lower should welcome the choice between better healthcare and tax cuts for the wealthy.

The business community has also traditionally, and rightly, been concerned about massive government borrowing. But under the Bush administration, we have seen huge budget surpluses turned quickly into crushing deficits. That, too, takes a toll on consumer and business confidence.

Make no mistake about it. There is a big distinction between the US Chamber and local Chambers. The local Chambers honestly focus on what is good for their communities. They understand that jobs and wages are essential for their business members to have customers and for their cities and regions to thrive.

Yes, the US Chamber would like to distract attention from the economy and scare Americans about the Democratic ticket. But in this election year, voters must make a distinction between policies that will create jobs and value for shareholders and organizations that speak and act at the whim of entrenched management and the economic elite.

Today, the Bush administration and the US Chamber are trying to twist even the questionable adage of Calvin Coolidge that "the business of America is business" into something far worse, namely that "the business of America is about super-rich CEOs and executives". Instead, we need a team who will, as Franklin Delano Roosevelt did, "save capitalism from the capitalists".

Americans have a fundamental choice to make in November, and the economy will be an important issue. The US Chamber hopes voters will—ignoring the facts, history and the candidates' records—assume that Republicans are better for the economy than Democrats. But the voters should avoid this knee-jerk reaction, and make the distinction between what is good for the elite few and what is good for the economy as a whole. Then it will be clear who will really do the best job of looking out for them and who will get our economy moving again.

## TRIBUTE TO CHIEF OLIVER RED CLOUD

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, on August 7, I had the privilege of honoring Chief Oliver Red Cloud at an important gathering in South Dakota, the Oglala Lakota Nations Pow-wow. Chief Red Cloud has led an amazing exemplary life from which all of us could learn. I want to share with my colleagues my thoughts on this outstanding leader and ask unanimous consent that my August 7 remarks be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There being no objection, the following material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.

### STATEMENT OF SENATOR TOM DASCHLE HONORING CHIEF OLIVER RED CLOUD

OGLALA LAKOTA NATIONS POW-WOW, AUGUST 7,  
2004

It is my honor and privilege to stand before my friends and pay tribute to a great man—a man who represents the four values of the Lakota: generosity, respect, courage, and wisdom. He is a well known and respected traditional leader. He is Chief Oliver Red Cloud.

As a fourth generation descendent of Makhpiya-Luta, Chief Red Cloud carries on a

honorable tradition. Like his great-grandfather, he has a proud history of maintaining the traditional ways of his peoples, and fights tirelessly to improve living standards on the reservation. In 1870, Chief Red Cloud's great-grandfather spoke in New York City, saying, "We do not want riches, we do not ask for riches, but we want our children properly trained and brought up." Chief Red Cloud continues to carry out that call, preserving the Lakota way of life, so that young children will have the opportunity to embrace their language and culture.

As many of you know, he gives unselfishly of himself to help those in need. He is generous with his knowledge—offering guidance to those who seek it. I know this, because even as I visited him in the hospital to offer him my support, he was offering me his wisdom.

Chief Red Cloud offers guidance to those who seek it, and I am thankful to be a recipient of his wisdom. Because of his wisdom and his passion, Chief Red Cloud has been able to bridge differences, find creative solutions to problems facing the Great Sioux Nation, and make sure the voices of his people are heard. In so doing, he has earned the respect of Indian nations and strengthened this Nation's independence and sovereignty.

As Makhpiya-Luta once said, "All I want is right and just."

We have challenging times ahead of us, breaking down barriers that have existed for far too long; but by working together we can build a society where each individual and community becomes whole.

That, too, is what is right and just.

Please join me in honoring Chief Red Cloud for his leadership, counsel and guidance. I know we will continue our dialogue, and I look forward to working with all of you.

#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

CORPORAL TOMMY L. PARKER

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to an authentic American hero who gave his life in the defense of his Nation. Cpl Tommy L. Parker, Jr., 21, of Heber Springs was one of four marines killed June 21 in Ramadi, Iraq. He was serving with a sniper platoon of the First Marine Division out of Camp Pendleton, CA.

Tommy was a 2001 graduate of Triple S Christian Academy. The Rev. John Bishop, who taught Tommy, praised his devotion to his faith, saying that even when surrounded by tough marines he was not too shy to give witness to his beliefs. As Tommy prepared to leave for Iraq, Bishop said Parker's wife told him, he remarked that the experience was bringing him closer to God.

Tommy is survived by his wife, Carla Parker; his daughter, Lara; and his parents, Tommy and Renatta.

Tommy's sacrifice is a shining example of the commitment that is necessary to keep this Nation free. When his Nation called, he answered. Our prayers and gratitude go out to his family for the great service that Tommy rendered to our Nation.

STAFF SERGEANT DUSTIN W. PETERS

Mr. President, today I also wish to pay tribute to a brave Arkansan who gave his life for the cause of freedom. Air Force SSgt Dustin W. Peters was killed July 11 when his convoy was hit

by homemade bombs about 150 miles north of Baghdad.

Dustin was born August 22, 1978, in Texarkana, TX. He attended high school in El Dorado, KS, and in Shirley, AR, before going into the Air Force in 1997. Dustin received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart posthumously. The Bronze Star Medal is given to individuals who distinguish themselves by heroism, outstanding achievement or meritorious service while serving in a combat theater, according to base officials. Dustin received his for heroism.

Dustin is survived by his son, Dalton, of El Dorado, KS; his mother, Linda Benning, of Shirley, AR; and his father, Dennis, of Enid, OK.

His fellow airmen said of Dustin that "you could count on . . . his service to our country and others always came ahead of his own needs and desires. His loss has touched us deeply, and we will miss him." Not only will his fellow airmen miss him but a grateful Nation will miss him. His sacrifice will never be forgotten.

PRIVATE VAN RYAN MARCUM

Mr. President, today I also wish to pay tribute to a brave young Arkansan who lost his life training to become a member of the United States Army. PVT Van Ryan Marcum, 21, a native of Prescott, AR, was electrocuted June 19 during an infantry basic training exercise when he touched a metal structure electrically charged by a faulty light fixture.

Van Ryan Marcum was memorialized at Fort Benning, GA. Joining the 220 soldiers from Charlie Company, with whom Marcum served, were his mother, grandmother, uncle and other family members invited to witness the tribute to the young man so interested in becoming an Army Ranger. As the ceremony unfolded, some soldiers grieved silently with bowed heads; others could not suppress quiet sniffles as the music played and the tributes were delivered.

CPT Kevin Salge, commander of Charlie Company, was quoted as saying that it was an honor to count among his unit's soldiers a trooper such as Marcum, who had a bright future in the military. "As soon as he completed a task he was ready for another. He carried his weight and more," Salge said. "He would have been a great addition to the Army."

Van's desire to defend his Nation is a tribute to his courage and dedication. We honor the sacrifice he made in the service of his country.

#### SPECIALIST DONALD R. McCUNE II

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man who grew up in South Bend, IN. SP Donald R. McCune II, 20 years old, died on August 5 in a hospital in Landstuhl, Germany from injuries sustained after an explosive device detonated near his patrol vehicle in

Balad, Iraq. With his entire life before him, Donald chose to risk everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

Donald spent his early childhood through part of high school in South Bend before moving to Michigan. He joined the Army National Guard shortly thereafter, following a long family tradition of military service. According to family and friends, enlisting was something he felt he needed to do. Donald was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment, Army National Guard, Moses Lake, WA. Previously, he served with an Army Reserve unit based in Fraser for almost 2 years. This past spring, Donald was deployed to Iraq, where he bravely fought for 3 months before sacrificing his life for the worthy cause of freedom. Rick Monier, Donald's grandfather told the Detroit Free Press, "It was sad he had to pass away—he or any other soldier—but it was for freedom, and he believed in the cause."

Donald was the thirty-first Hoosier soldier to be killed while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. This brave young soldier leaves behind his mother, Darcy Lewis; his stepfather Benjamin Lewis; his father, Donald McCune; his sister, Casandra Karczewski; his brother, Josh McCune; his grandmother, Gladys Gilbert; his grandfather, Rick Monier; his step-grandmother, Dianne Ronier; and his maternal great-grandmother, Beth Gilbert.

Today, I join Donald's family, his friends and all Americans in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over this tremendous loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Donald, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

Donald was known for his dedicated spirit and his love of country. When looking back on the life of her late son and his plans for the future, Darcy told the Detroit Free Press, "He knew the risks of fighting and had even talked about returning to Iraq after his stint was over and doing security work." Today and always, Donald will be remembered by family members, friends and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Donald's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg:

We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am